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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 0

Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

H.Res. 360 — Commemorating the 60th anniversary of V-J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific — *as introduced* (Stearns)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 360 would commemorate the 60th anniversary of V-J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific. Among the resolution's findings are:

- “The United States entered the Second World War in December 1941, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and over the next four years Americans participated in what was arguably the greatest national endeavor in the Nation’s history;
- “The casualty toll of Americans in the Pacific Theater during World War II was approximately 92,904 killed, 208,333 wounded, and tens of thousands missing in action and prisoners of war, with civilians and military forces of the Allied Powers suffering equally devastating tolls; and
- “On August 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito of Japan announced the unconditional surrender of Japan’s military forces, made formal on September 2, 1945, aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay, Japan; thus ending the most devastating war in human history.”

The resolution resolves that the House of Representatives:

- (1) “Recognizes the 60th anniversary of V-J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific theater;
- (2) “Joins with a grateful Nation in expressing respect and appreciation to the members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific theater during World War II; and
- (3) “Remembers and honors those Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives for their country during the campaigns in the Pacific theater during World War II.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 360 was introduced on July 12, 2005, and referred to the Committee on International Relations and the Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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S.J. Res. 19 — A joint resolution calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act (Senator Brownback)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S.J. Res. 19 would call upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act. Among the resolution’s findings are:

- “August 1, 2005, is the 30th anniversary of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), renamed the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in January 1995;
- “The Helsinki Final Act was the first international agreement to accord human rights the status of a fundamental principle in regulating international relations;
- “Congress contributed to advancing the aims of the Helsinki Final Act by creating the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe to monitor and encourage compliance with provisions of the Helsinki Final Act;
- “The participating States have recognized that economic liberty, social justice, and environmental responsibility are indispensable to prosperity;
- “The OSCE has played an increasingly active role in civilian police-related activities, including training, as an integral part of OSCE’s efforts in conflict prevention, crisis management, and post-conflict rehabilitation; and
- “The participating States bear primary responsibility for raising awareness of violations of commitments contained in the Helsinki Final Act and other OSCE documents.”

The resolution resolves that the Senate and the House of Representatives calls upon the President:

- (1) “To issue a proclamation--
 - (A) Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;
 - (B) Reasserting the commitment of the United States to full implementation of the Helsinki Final Act;
 - (C) Urging all participating States to abide by their obligations under the Helsinki Final Act; and
 - (D) Encouraging the people of the United States to join the President and Congress in observance of this anniversary with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and
- (2) “To convey to all signatories of the Helsinki Final Act that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, democratic principles, economic liberty, and the implementation of related commitments continue to be vital elements in promoting a new era of democracy, peace, and unity in the region covered by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.”

Committee Action: S.J. Res. 19 was introduced in the Senate on May 17, 2005, and passed by the Senate by unanimous consent on July 27, 2005. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on International Relations, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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